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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - M'BAYE'S NIGERIAN  
CANDIDATE

REF: GENEVA 2610

1. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN M'BAYE IS REFERRING  
TO FORMER NIGERIAN CHIEF JUSTICE SIR ADETOKUNBO ADEMOLA  
(NOTE SPELLING AND WORD ORDER).

2. ADEMOLA, A YORUBA, WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 1, 1906 IN  
ABAOKUTA, NIGERIA. HE IS AN HONORS GRADUATE IN LAW  
OF SELWYN COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE AND WAS CALLED TO THE  
BAR AT THE MIDDLE TEMPLE IN 1934. RETURNING TO NIGERIA,  
HE ENTERED THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND SERVED AS THE FIRST  
AFRICAN MAGISTRATE APPOINTED OUTSIDE LAGOS. FROM  
1955 TO 1958, HE SERVED AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE WESTERN  
REGION. FROM 1958 TO 1971, HE WAS CHIEF JUSTICE OF  
NIGERIA. SIR ADETOKUNBO WAS KNIGHTED IN 1959.

3. ADEMOLA IS COMPETENT, ARTICULATE, AFFABLE, AND  
EASY-GOING. HE IS CONSIDERED PRO-WEST AND HAS REPRESENTED  
NIGERIA AT NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. ADEMOLA  
GENERALLY SUCCEEDED IN AVOIDING THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE OF  
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NIGERIAN DOMESTIC POLITICS, BUT HE ENDED HIS CAREER UNDER  
SOMEWHAT OF A CLOUD WHEN HE ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT AS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE 1973 NATIONAL CENSUS WHICH ENDED IN A  
POLITICAL DEBACLE WITH THE RESULTS REJECTED.

4. ADEMOLA'S HOBBIES INCLUDE TENNIS, CRICKET, AND  
HORSERACING. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN. HIS

WIFE WAS THE FIRST NIGERIAN WOMAN TO GRADUATE FROM  
OXFORD.  
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